

Build up Mass Movements Against the Anti-People Policies of the Central and State Governments

The Central Committee of our party taking stock of the entire political situation in our country has highlighted certain issues to the people and appealed to them to deeply ponder over their significance and decide their course of action accordingly. The Central Committee has pointed out that after 30 years of Congress rule, with the installation of Janata Party at the Centre and different Governments, including the CPI(M) led 'Left Front' Governments in the States, people expected some changes and hoped for some betterment of their lives. During these last two years people have tasted the character of these governments and know they have nothing to hope from them. While analysing the root cause of people's miseries which lies in the capitalist system itself the Central Committee of our party has noted with deep concern that the "Indian capitalist class, as the defender of the crisis ridden moribund capitalism and being faced with the third intense general crisis of the world capitalist market, in its bid to get rid of the crisis is passing the entire burden on the shoulder of the common people." The Central Committee has drawn people's attention particularly to the various anti-people policies of all the different ruling parties such as, among others, the fiscal

policies and the unprecedented crushing weight of new taxation imposed on people by both the Central and State Governments, including the Government of West Bengal led by CPI(M) while exempting the capitalists and jotedars from the same. This is because "The ruling parties at the Centre and in the States—starting from Janata, Congress (I), Congress-CPI Combine, Akali ADMK and even the CPI(M) led 'Left Front'—all are competing with each other to win the confidence of the capitalist class, bringing about ever increasing miseries of the common people by their various fiscal and other policies aimed at safeguarding the interest of the capitalist class, depending more and more on Military, Police, Bureaucracy and thereby protecting the unfettered rights of the capitalists, jotedars, rich peasants etc."

Regarding the attitude of the ruling parties towards democratic mass movement which is the true yardstick of whether a government is pro-people or not, the Central Committee of our party has noted with dismay that, not to speak of encouraging democratic movement of the people with just and legitimate demands, the ruling parties including the so-called 'left' parties are suppressing such movements both from within by leading

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West Bengal State Committee Organises Mass Civil Disobedience on 15th June

[Pursuant to the Central Committee's decision to build up united movement of the people against the anti-people policies of the Central as well as the State government, the West Bengal State Committee has decided to launch a mass civil disobedience on 15th June.

In this connection Comrade Sukomal Das Gupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee in a press briefing on 16th May last released the following Press hand out. We are publishing the full text of the Press hand out here—Ed. Board, P. Era]

It is known to all that during the thirty years of Congress rule since independence the sufferings of the common people, instead of being mitigated in the least, increased all through and assumed alarming proportions because the Congress, as the ruling party, nakedly defended the exploitative capitalist system, the root

cause of miseries of the people, and adopted policies only to protect the interest of the capitalist class. The people of West Bengal organised time and again heroic battles against those anti-people policies of the Congress Government and won the distinction and enjoyed the glory that they belonged to a state which was the citadel of Left

movement in the whole of India. It is needless to mention that their glory was not the creation of a single party or of any particular leader—it was the product of united Left movement as a whole.

It is a pity that since coming to power, the 'Left Front' Government of the state is not only discouraging and frustrating all legitimate democratic mass movements but is crushing them by applying brutal force of the coercive apparatus of the state at their first sight. They are thereby dealing a severe blow to the concept and practice of Leftism, tarnishing its image and even maligning

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A HEINOUS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

They were unwanted people. Their settlement was set on fire, hunting out men, women, children and the old. There was no escape route as the island was besieged on all sides. Those trying to resist were clubbed down. Others were chased, dragged out and hurled on the waiting boats. Fire consumed its victims who failed to come out of their huts. The mothers lost children, the womenfolk of the families became separated from their menfolk. Screams of helpless souls rent the air. These people were herded together like beasts and sent off from their homes they had built up with blood and sweat. Burnt houses, charred remnants of household articles and straggling dead bodies remained behind on the remote jungle island. The dream they had woven for a year and half was consigned to flames of a new kind of savagery.

This is no scene of a mediaeval slave camp, no picture of barbarity of the colonial rulers of Congo or Rhodesia, no description of the savage brutality of Mai Li in Vietnam. It happened in our land. This was the 'Clearing Operation' which the 'Left Front' government of West Bengal carried out in a cold-blooded design on the refugee settlers of Marichjhanpi in the Sunderbans.

There was no human

settlement here. It is a jungle preserved for the tiger project. A desperate condition had driven the refugees to this remote tiger-infested jungle island. They were victims of a political crime and they had the fond hope that at least the CPI(M)-led government was sympathetic to their problems. Their hope was kindled because the CPI(M) leaders who had held out hope for a just solution to their problems and had agitated with their issue for long

thirty years were now in the government. They did not seek dolo from the government, they wanted to stay in this state and make their own living. 'Allow us to settle here. We will not add any burden on you. We will rather prove ourselves to be an asset', they pleaded with the government and the 'Left Front' leaders. It was however a cruel hostility they received from this government which was

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The Call of 24th April Reaches Far and Wide

The call of 24th April as given expression in the Central Committee's appeal to the working class, preceding the observance of 31st Anniversary of the Party this year, reached far and wide in the country. The 31st Anniversary symbolises the thirtyone years of glorious struggle for the emancipation of the toiling people of our country—emancipation from the grips and tentacles of exploitation of capitalism. On this day, thirtyone years back, came into being the only genuine working class party on our soil. Every succeeding year marks a step forward in the struggle to spread the revolutionary consciousness among the people and the working class organisation as well.

The observance of Party foundation day this year witnessed a spontaneous manifestation of the tremendous response among the workers, peasants, intelligentsia and other sections of the toiling people throughout the country; unmistakable signs of the increasing interest and attraction of the toiling masses towards our party have been noticed wherever in different States 'SUCI Day' was observed.

Innumerable mass meetings, street corner meetings, group sittings in the remotest corners in different States were organised along with colourful, imaginative and decorative posters and wallings on the Party's call of the hour in massive scales. Extensive drive for sale of the Party literature and drive for Party Fund Collection also were the major part of the programme that was followed all during the month preceding the Foundation Day Celebration.

The unique experience gathered in connection with this month-long programme throughout the country tells that at every place the people evinced a deep eagerness to listen to the Party's analysis on national and international situations and the other burning issues and the immortal teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, the founder General Secretary of our party and the great leader of the proletariat.

News of innumerable public meetings held throughout the country observing 'SUCI DAY' are daily pouring in at our office. We are covering here only a few of them.

KERALA

Quilon

In Kerala, the State Organising Committee of the Party organised numerous meetings, group sittings and processions in different parts of the rural areas. Besides, a number of big public meetings in Aleppi, Kottayam, Trivandrum, Calicut and other places were held preparatory to a mammoth

mass meeting in Quilon on 18th April last.

The meeting on 18th of April in the heart of Quilon city attracted unprecedented huge gathering. People from distant corners of the state came in processions. They came from all directions. Their slogans filled the air of the city and the people living nearby were greatly enthused by the great spirit displayed by the marchers. Thousands of the city's

population from every walks of life—workers, office employees, youths, students, teachers and middle class intelligentsia and other sections filled in the venue which wore the look of surging men and women and even members of other political parties had come to listen to what the SUCI's call on present national and international situation. **Comrade Lucas** was in the chair while **Comrade Prithvi Chanda**, the member of the Central Committee of our party was the main speaker. **Comrade J. James**, Secretary, Kerala State Organising Committee in a brief speech highlighted the significance of observance of the SUCI Day and urged the people to listen to the Party's analysis on the present national and international situation.

In a beautifully decorated dais with fluttering 31 red flags and a big portrait of the great leader, teacher, guide and the founder General Secretary of the Party **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** placed a top, **Comrade Chanda** rose to speak and gave a penetrating speech lasting more than three hours. Beginning his illuminating speech, **Comrade Chanda** recalled that being convinced of the absence of a real working class party and realising the need for a genuine working class party to lead the people's struggles for emancipation to its logical culmination, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** the great leader of the proletariat, along with a handful of compatriots, founded the SUCI on this day, 31 years back. Turning to the international working class movement he referred to the recent developments in the Socialist camp which had created enormous confusion in the rank of the Communist camp only to invite an opportunity to the enemies of Communism to exploit. Unfolding the historical perspective as to how the socialist states in Asia and South-East Asia embroiled in a border

confrontation, **Comrade Chanda** drew the urgent attention to the timely warning and invaluable guidance provided by **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** many years back. **Comrade Ghosh** laid bare that mechanisation in the process of thinking and in the relationship within the international communist movement, as opposed to dialectical process of thinking and relationship, undeniable lowering of ideological-cultural standard persistence of bourgeois humanist-nationalist thinking, morals and ethics have in the main been responsible in causing a veritable mess in the international communist movement.

In the perspective of the immortal teachings of **Comrade Ghosh** the root cause of the painful episode of border confrontation between the Socialist states in South-East Asia can be traced. After exhaustively dealing with international situation, **Comrade Chanda** took up the analysis of the national situation. Continuing, **Comrade Chanda** gave a thorough analysis on the developing political situation since the last Lok Sabha polls. Before concluding **Comrade Chanda** cautioned the people of the danger posed by two-party system that the bourgeoisie are seriously attempting and observed that besides the branded parties of the bourgeoisie, the possibility of the social democratic or neo-revisionist parties to emerge as the third alternative within the ambit of the same bourgeois design cannot be ruled out. In fact, the CPI and the CPI(M) are making no secret of their ambitions and are frantically attempting to emerge as the third alternative. It is therefore, evident to-day, said **Comrade Chanda**, that all the pseudo-left parties like the CPI and the CPI(M) have unabashedly thrown away the banner of leftism and democratic mass movements and all these they are doing in order to fulfil their parliamentary ambi-

tions. As against the treachery of these parties, it is SUCI alone, the only genuine communist party in India that is holding aloft the banner of revolution and resolutely defending the cause of the people on the basis of the revolutionary ideology, correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and higher cultural-ethical standard. **Comrade Chanda** made a rousing appeal to the people to imbibe the revolutionary thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** which is the invincible weapon in their hands in their struggle for emancipation against the bourgeoisie and their henchmen.

Trivandrum

The public meeting at Trivandrum, at the heart of the metropolis on 17th April also recorded a historic gathering. This meeting was originally scheduled to be held on 16th April. Sensing tremendous response and enthusiasm generated amongst the cross-sections of the people in connection with the celebration of 31st anniversary of SUCI and apprehending a huge turnover of the toiling people from all walks of life in a mammoth meeting the vested interest in collusion with ruling parties of the Kerala Government at the last moment withdrew the permission accorded long before to hold the meeting on 16th of April on the pretext of arrival of the Prime Minister in the city. Defying all odds, the Kerala State Organising Committee hastily decided to hold the meeting the following day on 17th April.

Under the Presidency of **Comrade Lucas** the meeting started just at 5-30 P.M. But the meeting could not be continued due to torrential rain.

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The contemplated third alternative of CPI and CPI(M) is within the bourgeois design of 'two party' system

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DELHI

The toiling people of Delhi, responding to the call of the Party to observe the SUCI day on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the Party, thronged Constitution Club Auditorium on 21st April with great enthusiasm. Comrade Omprakash Suman was in the chair and Comrade Pritish Chanda, member of the Central Committee was the main speaker.

Comrade Pritish Chanda, in course of his long speech highlighting the different aspects of present day political situation recalled in the beginning how **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** along with a handful of revolutionary compatriots undertook the most arduous and painstaking task of building up a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat in our country conducting struggles covering all aspects of life. Dealing with the specific context of the Indian situation, Comrade Chanda showed that the Indian national bourgeoisie is firmly saddled in the state power and the state is being led by it.

In this connection, Comrade Chanda pointed out that the installation of Janata Government at the Centre through the last Lok Sabha polls took place as the compulsion of the bourgeoisie which felt the necessity of projecting before the people another bourgeois alternative lest the deepseated anti-Congress feeling of the people went against the capitalist system as such. This bourgeois alternative could initiate two-party parliamentary system taking mainly the advantage of the absence of a genuine left and democratic unity for which our party all through is striving hard.

In this design of bourgeoisie they not only got help from the branded bourgeois parties but the so-called left parties like the CPI and the CPI(M) also helped to crystalise

this bourgeois treachery. The CPI(M) is also projecting the Janata Party as the 'friendly party', a bourgeois alternative, at a time when the Janata Government was brutally suppressing with bullets the mass movements and it is moving hand in glove with the Janata Party in suppressing the legitimate democratic mass movements with coercive forces of the state machine.

The call of the SUCI day to the toiling millions on our soil is therefore to put an end to this exploitative capitalist system by making victorious the anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution without which their miseries and woes will not end.

He urged all to strengthen SUCI in the interest of advancement of democratic mass movements in the culmination of which people's long cherished dream of emancipation could be accomplished.

HARYANA

A mass meeting to observe the 31st Anniversary of SUCI was held at Bhagat Singh Park at Rohtak on 22nd April in a most befitting manner. The meeting was organised by the Haryana State Committee preceded by a month-long programme of intense ideological-political campaign throughout the state by the party units and frontal organisations of our party. A significant point of this year's anniversary is the spontaneous manifestation of the response to the Party Foundation Day among the workers, peasants and other sections of the toiling people. And the State Committee of our Party can take pride that within such a short span of a few years since the Party started its work in this state, it could organise such a massive colourful procession of several thousand people from different walks of life which paraded along the main thoroughfare of the city in the scorching heat holding aloft the portraits of the

great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, and shouting slogans on the Party's call of the hour as well as the teachings of **Comrade Ghosh**.

Comrade Gyan Singh Chowdhury an eminent mass leader of the state and Secretary of the Haryana State Committee of our party presided over the meeting.

Comrade Pritish Chanda, Member of the Central Committee of the Party was the main speaker.

Comrade Pritish Chanda, in course of his long speech, explained the historic significance of 24th April, the foundation day of our party and made a penetrating analysis of the present political situation of the country. He extensively dealt on the despicable role of the two social democratic parties, the CPI and the CPI(M). In this connection, he cautioned the people not to fall prey to the sham call of 'Left and Democratic Unity' given by the CPI and the CPI(M) from their Party Congresses. A bare examination of this call of 'Left and Democratic Front' in which all the reactionary and parochial parties and forces like the Akali, DMK, ADMK and the so-called 'progressive' forces within the Janata Party and the 'honest' elements in both wings of the Congress have their places reveals that their real intention is to emerge as the third alternative to fill in the vacuum created in the bourgeois parliamentary politics. 'Left and Democratic Unity' as conceived by both these parties, therefore, has nothing to do with the concept of unity of left and democratic forces as the instrument of the people's legitimate democratic movement conducive to the struggle for emancipation, that is, anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Our party alone stands for the unity of the genuine left and democratic parties and

forces to develop mass struggles against capitalist exploitation. Comrade Chanda ended his speech with an ardent appeal to the audience to strengthen SUCI and help build up the democratic mass movements as also to give birth to the alternate political power of the people as the harbinger for anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

Among others who also addressed were Comrades Rajesh Ahlawat, President AIDS and Satyawar, a prominent organiser of Mahendragarh District.

ORISSA

Cuttack

The 31st Anniversary of our party was observed in Cuttack on 12th April. Workers, peasants students and youths from coastal districts of Orissa came over to join this anniversary. A well decorated colourful procession marched through the main thoroughfares of the city and entered the venue of the public meeting at 5.30 P.M. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Mayadhar Nayak and Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary of the Orissa State Committee of our party was the main speaker.

The meeting started with the song composed on **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, the great leader of the proletariat and the founder general secretary of our party.

Condoling over the death of our departed Comrades Shyamsingh Mahato, Narayan Jana, Bisweswar Mahapatra and Shyam Sundar Parida one minute's silence was observed.

Comrade Binapani Dash, Secretary of the Cuttack City Committee of the Party placed in brief the historic significance of the observance of 24th April.

Comrade Dutta, in his hour long speech, said that today solution to the basic pressing problems of the people—are inseparably linked up with the tasks of rapid industrialisation, modernisation of agriculture and employment to

all. But this cannot be solved within this system of crisis ridden out-worn capitalist order.

The protagonists of the capitalist system claimed most assertively after the last parliamentary poll that the change of government was a peaceful revolution through ballot while the so-called Marxist parties like the CPI(M) went so far as to say that it marked the downfall of the authoritarian misrule and "restoration of democracy". But the events of the last two years have conclusively proved how hollow was this claim! Comrade Dutta continued that the accentuating miseries of the toiling people and ever increasing monstrous attack on the legitimate democratic movements of the masses along with encroachment on democratic rights and civil liberties by the government both at the Centre and in different states—makes it imperative for all right thinking persons to ponder deeply as to the real character and the implications of the last electoral change. Even in West Bengal, Comrade Dutta continued, where a 'Left Front' Government headed by the CPI(M) has been installed, the legitimate democratic movements of the people are being ruthlessly suppressed by the police. In this connection he showed that not only the Central and Railway budgets but even the State budgets including that of West Bengal also have successively imposed heavy tax burden on the common people reflecting the out and out anti-people budget policy pursued by both the Centre and the States. By changing government through election, therefore, no fundamental change can be accomplished. Only through successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, the basic problems of our people can be solved. To fulfil this historic task, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, the great leader of the proletariat,

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Glorious struggle at Mosabani Copper Mines

The recently concluded glorious strike-struggle of over ten thousand workers in Mosabani Group of Copper Mines in Bihar, a public sector undertaking of the Central Government has set an example of heroic fight of the workers against all sorts of onslaughts of the management and the anti-working class policies and activities of the government.

The workers of Mosabani Group of Copper Mines under the leadership of Hindusthan Copper Mazdoor Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) had been conducting struggles against the oppressive management over various legitimate demands for long. At last, the workers had to resort to an indefinite strike from the last 16th March '79 on a 30-point charter of demands like i) wage increase ii) implementation of D. A. formula on the basis of full neutralisation of cost of living index iii) introduction of secret ballot system for determining majority union and v) recognition of their union—Hindusthan Copper Mazdoor Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani). Instead of meeting these demands the management after the strike started, let loose orgy of violence over the striking workers to suppress the strike-struggle and resorted to all sorts of mischievous means for foiling the strike. Along with police they deployed hundreds of hired goondas to terrorise the workers and torture them. The police arrested nearly all the leading organisers of the union and of the movement and promulgated 144 CrPC in the mining and adjacent areas so that the workers could not organise meeting or demonstration. But undaunted by such police torture and oppression the workers took shelter in the surrounding villages and went on organising meetings and group seatings with the help and assistance of the village peasants there. What is remarkable is that the peasants braving all odds and risks came forward to stand firmly beside the fighting workers. They, in the true sense of the term forged a unique

workers' and peasants' unity on this occasion. They gave the workers food and shelter even undergoing starvation themselves.

On the other hand, the management of this government undertaking instead of expressing any desire to settle the dispute took a most heinous tactics. It refused to accept even the Central Labour Commissioner's proposal for coming to an agreement with the workers and the union leading the strike but negotiated with the INTUC-led pet union that came forward to the rescue of the management and agreed to resume work in the mines from 4th April last but failed. Now came the second phase of attack over the workers. The INTUC goondas and police started virulent attack and torture on them. Braving all sorts of odds the CMU conducted the movement heroically. After that, taking stock of the entire situation and all aspects into consideration the leadership took the decision to withdraw the strike for the present in order to consolidate their strength for bigger struggle in future.

The struggle has no doubt imparted some vitally important lessons to the fighting workers of the copper mines in particular and also to the working class of India in general. First of all, from the rich experience gathered during the strike the workers have clearly realised that both the management and the government at the Centre or in the States represent the capitalist class and suppress the workers' movement. Secondly, all bourgeois trade unions like INTUC and others and the so-called left trade unions also are actually the second line of defence of the ruling class

CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S APPEAL

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them to the blind alley of legalism and from without by crushing them in savage ruthlessness. "Experience tells that the more the people are bursting out with resentment and indignation, the more ruthless suppression and indiscriminate firing on the workers, peasants, students and other sections of the people are going on, taking heavy toll of lives, breaking all previous records of the anti-people Congress Government."

Warning the people about the attempts to fan up communal, parochial feelings and to instigate fratricidal conflicts by all the ruling parties who for their own petty parliamentary interest have joined in the class conspiracy to bring disunity into the ranks of the people and to divert their attention from the main class enemy, the exploitative capitalist system, the Central Committee calls on the people to consciously fight these heinous designs. In such a grim situation, where the toiling people are oppressed and attacked from all sides their only way out is democratic mass movement against capitalist onslaught. The Central Committee of our party feels: "It is our bounden duty to stay, belong to and move along with the people to lead the just movements of the people for their survival and give them organised shape in order to fight back the onslaughts of the Central and State Governments, the capitalist class the rich peasants, the

and the government. Only a real working class trade union like UTUC (Lenin Sarani) under the leadership of a genuine proletarian party and proletarian ideology can lead the workers' movements uncompromisingly for realising the workers demands and aspirations ultimately. Thirdly, for conducting any long drawn workers' movement uncompromisingly against the management and the government it is essential to forge workers' and peasants' unity—not in words but in action.

jotedars and the police etc."

The Central Committee also urged all the left and democratic parties to come forward to build up a broad-based United Left and Democratic Front as the instrument of struggle—on the basis of a common minimum programme and code of conduct—which is the need of the hour.

The Central Committee has instructed the State Committees to organise mass struggles in the different States on the burning issues of people's life with a view to developing broad-based mass movements, taking the particular situation in the different states into consideration. The different forms of mass movements include mobilisation of public opinion, group meetings, mass meetings, conventions, rallies, demonstrations before various governmental authorities—from lower to higher level, including massive demonstration, squatting before Assembly and Parliament and also

civil disobedience, bundhs and General Strikes, preparing the necessary ground for the same by raising such slogans as: Resist the anti people pro-capitalist, pro-jotedar Central and State budgets; Resist soaring prices of essential commodities: Introduce all out State Trading, both whole sale and retail, of all essential commodities; Employment for all with priority to the most needy and unemployed allowances for both rural and urban unemployed, etc.

At the same time the Central Committee has appealed to the people to strengthen SUCI and to support and to take active part in these movements to make them successful. From their bare experience people know that SUCI is the only party which has taken up their cause; if people come forward to help and strengthen SUCI and take active part in these movements their cherished wish of a resistance to capitalist onslaught will take shape.

A heinous crime against humanity

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determined, agreeing in full with the Central government of Mr. Morarji Desai, to send them back to Dandakaranya to which place they had been deported several years ago by the then Congress government and which act the present 'Left Front' leaders had vehemently opposed.

They were intimidated, tortured and persecuted to leave Marichjhanpi. The government had thrown around an economic blockade. It had resorted even to killing the settlers to bring these people on their knees and evict them. But all this had failed.

The vindictiveness of the CPI(M) leadership this time took the most savage expression in a premeditated, calculated operation ensuring that the people of the state remained totally in the dark about its scheme. Thousands of armed policemen laid a siege clamping a cordon all around. Nobody, except the executors, was allowed

to approach the island. But it came out that hundreds of CPI(M) volunteers were deployed along with the policemen to set fire to the settlement, assault, arrest, terrorise and forcibly remove the refugee settlers.

The CPI(M) leaders had the cheek to lay the unusual claim that the refugees left on persuasion, that the fire was set by some miscreants. Surely they consider the people to be fools who could be led to believe that it was a 'powerful charm' of this government's 'magical hand' which fast transformed the dourly defiant refugees into a willing lot who saw the 'desirability' of leaving their settlement in hurried movement all together. And the miscreants must also be a magical lot who could slip into the island charming the tightest police cordon which had been otherwise keeping out a fly even from penetrating. Yes, it must be said in all fairness to the CPI(M)

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Forge Trade Union unity to conduct people's united movements

Comrade Pritish Chanda's Appeal

Comrade Pritish Chanda, General Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) issued the following statement to the Press on 6.5.75 appealing to all Central Trade Unions for developing united struggle:

"The working class through experience have learnt that the Janata Government at the Centre is no different from the past Congress Government as far as its bourgeois class character is concerned. This Government also is frantically defending the capitalist class interest.

"With the intense crisis in the capitalist economy, the capitalist class is putting the entire burden on the shoulder of the working class. In this background we find that when the demand for wage increase and introduction of national wage structure is more and more felt to be justified and legitimate, the Government and the management in Public Sector are obstinately refusing to accept the just demands raised by the workers. In most of the public sectors the management have stalled negotiation on the issue and in some other cases dilatory and delaying tactics are being followed and nothing tangible could be achieved so far. The Government is obstructing wage increase in two ways: one, in the name of checking inflation, refusing to increase wage and the other, under the guise of 'guideline' unilaterally set up by the BPE under the Ministry of Finance which is virtually an imposition of indirect wage-freeze against which we have consistently fought all-through. The same had been tried by Indira regime against which almost all trade unions have protested in the past. We repeatedly showed in the past and still hold that increase in wage-earners' pay-package does not cause inflation; it is rather the other way round. Government's fiscal policy, high taxation, high prices, deficit financing, circulation of black money, militarization of economy, etc., etc., are the basic factors which cause inflation and it is a general phenomenon in this stage of intense crisis in capitalist economy. So, whenever the government speaks against wage increase in the name of checking or controlling inflation, the real intent is only to put the burden upon the working class and to protect the 'super-profit' of the capitalists. Similarly, the 'guideline' theory is nothing but to carry out wage-freeze through back-door method. In view of the above, the working class in general, and workers and employees in Public Sector in particular, must realise that unless these policies of the Government are defeated by a massive united struggle of the workers it is difficult to achieve wage increase.

"In this context, one should recall that in June last year, we were able to combine together several trade unions including CITU and AITUC to launch struggle including strike actions on the same issues and a call for one-day strike was given in entire Public Sector undertakings in the country. But some of the trade unions particularly CITU, AITUC, HMS, BMS unilaterally withdrew the proposed strike that was to be held on 28th June '78, without even consulting us and some others and without achieving anything in concrete.

The UTUC (Lenin Sarani) strongly condemned the withdrawal of the strike and criticised the compromising attitude of those organisations. To-day, facts have revealed the correctness of our just stand. Even now most of those trade unions, wasting time, are hobnobbing with the Government caring

little to educate, mobilise and prepare the workers for struggle. The present situation therefore, urgently calls for united struggle of the working class embracing all unions at all levels. Our organisation have repeatedly appealed to all other central trade unions to come forward to develop broader unity and joint action and is continuously striving hard for achieving the same. The UTUC (Lenin Sarani) from its 16th All India Conference held on Mid-February, 1979 at Patna also, by adopting specific resolution and in General Secretary's Report appealed to all unions for united struggle. We held that such unity is possible despite differences in outlook and policies between different Central Trade Unions.

The United Trades Union Congress (Lenin Sarani) seriously opines that united trade union struggle is the urgent need of the hour and so all unions should come forward to launch united struggle for achieving the vital demands of the workers and employees in the Public Sector Undertakings. We call upon the workers and employees in all Public Sector Undertakings and in other industries to form broader unity and joint action bodies from national to plant levels in order to launch struggle including strike action for achieving wage increase, DA on the basis of cent-percent neutralisation of the cost of living, right to strike, outright repeal of black IR Bill, Bonus to railway, P & T employees and all others, etc.

"We again appeal to the AITUC, CITU, HMS, INTUC, BMS and others to form joint action bodies with all central trade unions from national to plant levels for conducting united struggle."

The manner in which "Operation Marichjhanpi" has been conducted can find its parallel only in the savagery committed by British rulers at Jalianwalabag

—Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta

Strongly protesting against and severely condemning the 'operation Marichjhanpi' by the 'Left Front' Government Com. Sukomal Das Gupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, S.U.C.I has, in course of a statement on 25th May last, said:

"The manner in which the 'clearing off' operation on the refugees at Marichjhanpi i.e. 'operation Marichjhanpi' has been conducted by the 'Left-Front' Government can probably find its parallel only in the savagery committed by the British rulers at Jalianwalabag. However much the leaders of the 'Left Front' may attempt to justify this cold-blooded murder at Marichjhanpi all their efforts are bound to fail since they can hardly hide their blood-stained hands.

It is really a pity that the glory of leftism which the people of West Bengal once enjoyed stands stained today at the hands of the 'Left Front' led by the CPI(M).

"We call upon the people of West Bengal to rise in strongest protest against this anti-people, undemocratic inhuman act of the 'Left Front' Government, organise broad-based mass movement and thwart all such attempts of stifling the democratic voice of the people."

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leaders that they have spared us being told that the refugees themselves had set fire to their dwelling huts in repentance or to malign the image of the 'Left Front' government.

They are offering excuses. And they are setting forth pleas as only befit them. But we say: 'No excuse, please. You have not created a new history. People have known other instances of such monstrous crime, other instances of savage fascistic repression elsewhere. With the enormity of your crime cloaked in a web of blatant lies and criminal affront you have added a new chapter to the history of crime against humanity. But you have done well in a way. You have given a foretaste of what will happen if you go to the centre, which is your prime objective now. But the people would not look to you any longer in expectation of any thing that would advance human progress.'

Even the branded bourgeois parties like the Janata

and the Congress could not have finished this job with such murderous skill and cold-blooded precision. And when on identical missions, those bourgeois parties would not claim their operation as 'persuasive', rather they would call it a necessary step to ensure the 'law and order'. But the CPI(M) terms their operation a 'persuasive act'. Yes, the settlers of Marichjhanpi were 'persuaded' to be dragged out, 'persuaded' to be clubbed down, to be chased, beaten up, lifted bodily—infants, women, and the old alike—and thrown on the boats. They were 'persuaded' to be burnt alive. But Hitler had not claimed that he had persuaded the Jews to be massacred in gas chambers for the advancement of scientific research. The executioners of Mai Li did not claim that they had persuaded the Vietnamese villagers to be gunned down. But the CPI(M) leaders did. This is where they are emphasizing their difference, surely to be taken

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founded, reared and handed down to us the most noble creation of his life, the Socialist Unity Centre of India, the mighty weapon in the hands of the Indian proletariat. Comrade Dutta appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of SUCI, the only ray of hope before the toiling millions to hasten the process of achieving their emancipation from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. Comrades Dwarika Ratha, Chitta Bera, Raghu-nath Das and Balaram Sahoo also addressed the meeting.

Rourkella

In observance of 31st Anniversary of SUCI a mammoth public meeting was organised by the Orissa State Committee on 22nd April in the Steel township of Rourkela.

People from distant corners of the state started arriving at the city throughout the day. Processions along with the Cycle processions of workers, peasants and other sections of the toiling people started marching towards the venue after parading the different thoroughfares of the old and new township. Their slogans filled the air of the city and the people living or standing on either side of the route were enthused by the great spirit, discipline and sense of dedication to the revolutionary cause displayed by the marchers. Thousands of city population from different cross sections of working people, office employees, youth and students and other sections of middle class intelligentsia, filled the Maidan.

Comrade Binapani Dash Member of the Sundargarh District Committee presided over the meeting and Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee, SUCI was the main speaker.

The meeting started with the song sung by the DYO Music Squad on **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** the great leader of the proletariat.

Comrade Tapas Dutta in his lengthy but penetrating analysis of events

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said that the toiling masses who are longing for emancipation from all sorts of exploitation and oppression should try to understand the very characteristic features of the present peculiar and complex political situation. He said that the defeat of the Congress at the last parliamentary poll was no doubt a very significant event. The common people being crushed and oppressed by exploitative capitalist system during the thirty years of protracted Congress mis-rule and more so during the nineteen months of Emergency rule earnestly desired for a change in power, which occurred subsequently with the defeat of the Congress at the last Lok Sabha poll. But people, to their utter dismay, are now witnessing the fact that the governments formed by Janata at the Centre and in various states as also those formed by its 'friendly parties' like the CPI(M) and the Akali in some of the states are following the very same foot-prints of the authoritarian Congress led by Indira Gandhi and is shifting the entire burden of the ever-accentuating economic crisis on to the shoulder of the common people and are trampling under foot whatever little democratic rights and civil liberties enjoyed even before imposition of black Emergency rules, achieved through countless painstaking struggles in the past. The common masses are thus getting disillusioned about these bourgeois parties fast and are understanding through their daily experiences that all their great expectations following the downfall of Congress has been belied due to the treacherous role of Janata and its friendly parties like the CPI(M), Akali etc.

Comrade Dutta said that the bourgeois parties like the Congress, Janata and their hirelings are trying to hoodwink the people by propagating the falsehood that any problem of the

toiling masses can be solved by mere change of government, which is all-powerful to do anything it desired through change of law. He cautioned that the working people must remember that the state and government are not synonymous words. The state is the class instrument of coercion being composed of permanent organs—the judiciary, the bureaucratic administrative system along with police and the military. These organs cannot be changed by mere change of government which is nothing but an operator of the state machine. And without smashing the capitalist state and replacing it with a socialist state through the successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, the fundamental change in people's life cannot be realised.

Comrade Dutta continued that to achieve the above vital task it is imperative to give birth to people's own conscious and organised political power on the basis of correct base political line, ideology and under the leadership of a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat. He said that it is for the above revolutionary purpose that our beloved leader, teacher and guide **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** founded SUCI—the only revolutionary party of the Indian proletariat, thirty one years back on 24th April 1948 and braving all odds and adversities built it up brick by brick through ceaseless struggles covering all aspects of life and has thereby concretised, elaborated and enriched Marxism-Leninism in the concrete conditions of our soil. He said that to-day when all parties, including those whom people considered to be revolutionary parties, like the CPI and the CPI(M) is openly advocating and standing in defence of the crisis ridden capitalist order, it is only SUCI—the revolutionary party founded by **Comrade**

Shibdas Ghosh that alone is upholding the banner of leftism and Marxism-Leninism in our country.

In conclusion Comrade Dutta said that the real significance of observing this great historic day lies in carrying resolutely the revolutionary message of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** faster and deeper down to the toiling masses and strengthening SUCI—the only revolutionary party of the proletariat in our soil in order to hasten the process of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

BIHAR

In Bihar, the State Committee of our party conducted several mass meetings in culmination of the month-long programme of ideological-political campaign preceding the Party Foundation Day. One such meeting was held at the Town Hall of Chapra on 27th April last. Comrade Amar Kumar Pandey, Secretary, Bihar State Committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) presided over the meeting and Comrade N. R. Singh, a renowned leader of the state was present as the main speaker.

Comrade N. R. Singh in his long and penetrating analysis, in course of his lengthy speech dealt with crucial aspects of the present political situation of the country and emphasised that the working people should try to realise that the crux of the problem associated with their day to day life is inseparably linked up with capitalism and so long capitalism is there their miseries and woes will not end. They should also realise that the branded bourgeois parties like the Janata, the two factions of the Congress, the CPI, the CPI(M) all are there in the fray to serve the interest of the ruling capitalist class. They are there to arrest people's urge for emancipation through revolution within the narrow confines of parliamentarism-reformism.

Naturally, it is incumbent upon the working people, in their own interest, to realise their class politics, strengthen their own revolutionary party and establish the leadership of the working class over the struggles of the exploited toiling people. Because then and then only their cherished dream of emancipation from wage-slavery will come true.

Comrade Amar Kumar Pandey in his presidential speech explained the significance of observance of the 'SUCI-Day' and urged upon the people to judge for themselves that while all other political forces including the so-called Communist parties, the CPI and the CPI(M), are getting disintegrated day by day, the SUCI as the party of the revolutionary proletariat is advancing in big strides as an organic whole and is engaged in ceaseless democratic mass struggles to uphold the banner of leftism and hold aloft the nobility of communism. He ended his speech with an appeal to strengthen the SUCI in every possible way.

KARNATAKA

The Bangalore City Organising Committee of SUCI organised a public meeting on the 21st April at Chikkalabagh in Bangalore to observe the 31st Anniversary of our party. Comrade Surendra Babu presided over the meeting and Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, an important organiser of our party was present as the main speaker.

Comrade Radhakrishna, Secretary of the Bangalore City Organising Committee gave a brief introductory speech pin-pointing the significance of observing the SUCI day and urged upon all to strengthen the SUCI—the only ray of hope before the toiling masses of our country in every possible way.

While explaining the significance of the Party foundation day, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty observed that all sorts of miseries and deprivation of the common people

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its nobility. But the fact is that the 'Left Front' Government is carrying on all these anti-Left activities usurping the credit of leftism in its favour and using it as a protector from growing public resentment by confusing the common people with its so-called 'Left' image.

When it is not unknown to any leftist worth his salt that a change of government through elections does not bring about any change in the exploitative character of the state—and so long capitalism will exist with its organs like military, bureaucracy along with the police and judiciary, there cannot be any escape for the common people from the growing capitalist exploitation—it is incumbent on them, even while they are in the government, to curb the police and bureaucracy, encourage and patronise the legitimate democratic mass movements by all means, which might act as precursor to emancipation of the people from all sorts of exploitation of man by man through anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

But we are constrained to note that the 'Left Front' Government of the State, far from doing so, is adopting policies, one after another, which are distinctly pro-capitalist and pro-jotedar, despite Left verbiages to the contrary, and is running the government with the full support and backing of the bourgeoisie. The shower of praise of different Chambers of Commerce, the overall attitude of the monopoly Press in defence of the government despite some criticism here and there, its identity of view with bourgeois concept of "law and order", its abject dependence on bureaucracy and unabashed advocacy for the police—a coercive instrument of the capitalist state—deployment of party workers along with the police against the meetings and demonstrations of the opposition parties, which is indeed without any parallel, use of the administration in petty party interest and thereby com-

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pletely destroying administrative neutrality, its failure to adopt strict measures to blunt the greedy teeth of the blackmarketeers, profiteers, price-manipulators, hoarders etc., causing untold sufferings of the common people, and so many other acts and facts clearly testify to one undeniable truth that the policies pursued so long by the government are not only non-left but are even out and out anti-people in character. In fact, nothing of Leftism is left to-day with the 'Left Front' Government of the state.

Let us, first of all, take up the question of the soaring prices of essential commodities. Is it not a fact—leaving aside the question of the cumulative effect of the central and state budgets the pinch of which has already been felt through steep rise of prices of all essential commodities that the black-marketeers or rather the blood merchants of the state are doing all sorts of mischiefs with impunity, making a paradise of their own and hell for the people in causing further shooting up of prices? Has the government applied even in a single case, the Essential Commodities Act, which is well within its purview, to curb these anti-people and anti-social activities of the unscrupulous traders? Then what for they have increased the Police Budget by more than 14 crores of rupees during the last 22 months? Is it then meant for quelling mass movements in Marichjhanpi and elsewhere and not to be used against these gang of mischief makers? How long the government will plead helplessness in face of the unabashed criminal activities of these anti-socials? Has the 'Left Front' itself any contemplation of organising an effective mass movement to give defeat to these nefarious activities? Are they going to introduce all-out State Trading, including both wholesale and retail, in foodgrains and other essential commodities and undertake the respon-

sibility of feeding the people? The answer is clearly in the negative. But who is suffering for it—the rich or the poor? Will the 'Left Front' Government kindly ponder over these questions?

Secondly, the magnitude of failure of the Government to solve power crisis is such that it defies all descriptions. Since this Government came to power it not only failed to improve the power situation, it could not even maintain the position where it took up from the Congress Government. The domestic consumers are simply gasping in the suffocating situation as at present, the academic activities of the students are languishing under the lingering load-shedding and the life-saving drugs are losing their efficacy only to pose a great threat to the lives of the citizens. But what this power crisis has failed to do is to draw the urgent attention of the powers that be. The situation to-day has come to such a pass that it has crossed all limits of forbearance of the common people. The attitude of the Government in blissfully passing over the burden of load-shedding onto the shoulders of the workers who are constantly threatened with lock-outs, lay-offs, closures of factories etc. for no fault of their own is really alarming and should not escape anybody's attention. Its studied silence on the problems of the peasants who depend on power-based irrigation is no less revealing also. The small traders are on the verge of extinction because they too have become the victim of power-cuts. It is true that the Congress Government proved its worth in the past in its absolute apathetic attitude and built-in callousness towards the people's cause. But how the recurrence of all ills in greater dimension can be justified to-day, since they are the creation of a Government which goes by the name 'Left' is difficult to understand.

Thirdly, the picture in the educational field is still more horrifying. The first casualty has been the autonomy of the Universities including the Calcutta University with its outstanding and glorious tradition which has been quietly taken away by this Government. The 'Left Front' Government can, of course, claim to its credit that it has outdone the Congress Government in doing away with the last vestiges of democracy in the educational field. Predictably, like all autocratic rules, the plea of the 'Left Front' Government also was removal of corruption. But contrary to all calculations, facts have borne out that the situation in the *Alma Mater* has changed from bad to worse establishing more and more Government control over education. It is worthwhile to recall that the constituents of the 'Left Front' who always decried Governmental interference in educational institutions in the past are themselves bringing about the same with undaunted enthusiasm, which in the present capitalist system can only help regimentation of thought paving the way for fascism. This Government has decided to abolish English from Primary education, make it optional in the Higher Secondary stage and 'compulsory-additional' at the Under-graduate level. This is fraught with grave danger as it will create two types of citizens, curtail the scope of higher education and virtually obstruct pursuit of higher thinking in the society. Along with it, their failure to check degeneration of culture, stop publication and propagation of obscene literatures and performance of cabaret dance is simply baffling.

Without digressing further on the narration of all such problems with which the 'common people are confronted to-day, the West Bengal State Committee of the SUCI takes the opportunity to place before the 'Left Front' Government headed by the Chief Minister Mr. Jyoti Basu only some pressing demands

for its serious consideration and immediate action. We strongly feel that either the Government should immediately come forward to take concrete and effective steps to ameliorate the problems of the people's life, which they have utterly failed during its tenure of nearly two years, or they should graciously face the grievances of the people who are left with no alternative than to organise democratic mass movement on these vital demands. We have noted with serious concern that the 'Left Front' Government, being unable to redress even the minimum problems of people's life, has taken recourse to two tactics at a time. It is trying, on the one hand, to usurp the glory and credit of Left movement in its bid to pose itself as a champion of Leftism and, on the other, is painting each attempt of the people to organise mass movements to redress their grievances as a 'conspiracy'. The attempt to paint such movements as 'conspiracy' is simply preposterous because it is the failure of the Government to bring even the minimum relief to the people which makes these mass movements unavoidable. Do the leaders of the 'Left Front' suggest that people should take this unbearable situation lying down? So far we are concerned, we have not understood the essence of Leftism like that.

It is really very painful that the leaders of 'Left Front' have failed to realise that the reactionary forces like the Congress (I), Congress, Janata and others have been able to gang up and raise hue and cry in their bid to pose themselves as champions of people's cause taking advantage of the all-round failure of the 'Left Front' Government including their failure to uphold the cause of Leftism. The only course that can save this state from re-emergence of rightist forces in greater strength is to organise legitimate democratic mass movements on distinctly Left-line which the constituents of the 'Left-Front' have given up since long.

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Comrade Chakraborty concluded his long analytical speech urging the people to strengthen the SUCI in all respect for accomplishing the task of anti-capitalist Socialist revolution.

ANDHRA PRADESH Kurnool

The month-long ideological political campaign preceding the Party Foundation Day culminated in a well-attended public meeting on May 5, '79 at Municipal High School compound. Kurnool District Organising Committee organised the meeting. Comrade B. Sreenivasa Rao, secretary of the Kurnool District Organising Committee, presided over the meeting and Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, one of the All-India organisers of the Party was the main speaker.

Addressing the gathering Comrade Krishna Chakraborty said that it was true that 30 years of Con-

gress misrule especially the nineteen months' autocratic 'Emergency' rule of Mrs. Gandhi had ended but no fundamental change—ending miseries and woes of the toiling people—had been achieved. Those parties particularly the Janata Party and the pseudo-left party like the CPI(M), vociferously claim to have brought back democracy in the country. But what does the bare experience of the common people tell them? Wherever the toiling people are organising movements for realisation of their modest and just demands, the Janata Party led governments as well as the governments run by other political parties including the CPI(M) and the CPI are coming down with ruthless suppression with police brutality.

Could the common people afford to allow themselves to be tossed between the ruling class's accredited parliamentary parties, or should they rally round the genuine revolutionary alternative for the fulfilment of their cherished emancipation? The only course left open before them is, therefore, to build up their own political power right from grass root level and for doing that they are to strengthen SUCI, the only genuine revolutionary party of the Indian proletariat.

Mass Civil Disobedience

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The State Committee hopes that the government will positively respond to these demands within a reasonable period to redress the just grievances of the people. If no such response is forthcoming within a period of one month then the people of West Bengal, true to their glorious Left tradition, will be compelled to take recourse to different forms of struggles, including that of mass civil disobedience on Friday, the

15th June, '79 in order to draw urgent attention of the Government to these demands and break the silence of mass movement which the 'Left Front' Government has successfully clamped on this state only to the glee of the capitalists.

The State Committee of SUCI, has adopted a programme of intensive campaign for mobilising public opinion through walling, postering, literary campaign, group meetings, squad meetings, enrolment of volunteers, formation of People's Committees and such other means that can ensure effective participation of the people throughout the districts. The

STRIKE BANNED IN MOHAN SPINNING MILLS BY HARYANA GOVERNMENT

Rohtak, 18th May, '79 :

The Janata Government of Haryana has banned the 1300 workers' and employees' strike being conducted under the leadership of their union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) in Mohan Spinning Mills at Rohtak and betrayed once again its most anti-working class and despotic character. In this connection it should be mentioned that workers and employees of this factory had earlier placed twice their demand notice before the management on several legitimate and long standing demands on 29.1.79. and 2.2.79. The management paid no heed to their demands and from 18th March last the workers and employees of this factory started relay fasting to press upon the management but failed. At last they resorted to an indefinite strike from 15th April and to the rescue of the management the government issued orders banning the strike. Another remarkable feature of this struggle is that the AITUC from within and CITU from outside are helping the management to break the strike.

In protest against this autocratic step of the government Comrade Pritish Chanda, General Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) issued the following statement to the press on 11.5.79 :

"We strongly condemn the prohibitory order issued by the Haryana State Government banning the legitimate and lawful

strike of the textile workers in Mohan Spinning Mills at Rohtak, Haryana. All the thirteen hundred workers there are on complete strike from 13th April last for realisation of their legitimate demands including wage increase.

"The mill is in private sector where the management refuses to negotiate

for amicable settlement with the majority union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

"The State Janata Government instead of taking appropriate steps for settlement of disputes have shamelessly come forward to the employers' interest by banning the strike at a time when all attempts made by the employer to break the strike by letting loose dastardly attack of the hired hoodlums to remove striking workers from the colonies completely failed. This action of the State Government is a serious attack on the rights of the workers and trade union movement.

"We urge upon all Trade Unions to voice protest against such banning of strike and stand in solidarity with the striking workers."

Up to the time of going to the press the workers are still heroically continuing their strike.

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Of course, the CPI(M) has done this in obedience to the dictates of its chosen course. The crime of Marichjhanpi comes as another signal of the grave danger the party poses as an organised social democratic force. It shows how rabidly anti-people and reactionary a force it has become and how low it can stoop to prove its mettle as the tough 'administrator' in its calculated bid to curry favour with the ruling capitalist class as the dependable caretaker of the bourgeois state for safeguarding

Committee hopes to get through this humble endeavour not only the support of the common people but also of the rank and file of the 'Left Front' who still cherish the ideals of Leftism deep in their hearts and of those leftist parties and forces who are outside the 'Left Front'. We appeal to all concerned to extend their hands of co-operation and make this movement successful.

the interests of the ruling class.

We would ask the CPI(M) rank and file to ponder over whither their leaders are guiding them along. Did the operation of Marichjhanpi uphold the cause of the common people. Were not these humiliated, tortured and persecuted settlers part of the poor, toiling people? If they had settled in a jungle reserved for the tiger project, was it not because of the sheer desperation to which they were driven? Could this be the reason for meeting out to them this inhuman, savage and brutal treatment? Will the CPI(M) cadres tolerate it, will they be party to this crime against humanity? What else other than a mockery it can be when the CPI(M) leaders talk of fighting against authoritarianism after this performance? Let alone Leftism and revolutionary sense of values, Marichjhanpi operation proves that even humanist values are not left with the CPI(M) leaders. They are using the image of Leftism, built through years

of struggle and sacrifice of the toiling people of West Bengal, as a shield to hide their anti-democratic, anti-people design.

It is now clear to all that the CPI(M) leaders perpetrated this heinous crime in full concurrence and complicity with the Central Janata government led by Mr. Morarji Desai. Whatever may they say, Marichjhanpi shows the identity of view of the Janata government and the CPI(M)-led 'Left Front' government. They are in fact moving hand in glove.

In leaving this state the refugees carry a burn deep in their heart. They point their accusing finger to the government and the CPI(M) leaders. In deep anguish they move through their fellow countrymen who stood witness to this barbarity. The perpetrators could have the audacity because they had calculated that the people would not rise in resistance. Should this not serve as an eye-opener? Is this not sufficient to awake the people wide?

Tears rolled would dry up. Blood spilled would disappear in earth. But this wound on humanity will remain as a painful scar of fascistic repression. Nothing goes in vain in history. This will be a lesson to the people and the perpetrators of crime will have to pay for their act.

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